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DO NOT PITY THE COUNTRY EDITOR.

He is Not Up to Your Class and Yet Moderately Contented.

Sometimes one of the favorites of fortune, sitting in the lap of luxury, runs out of amusement and spends a little time pitying the country editor.

Don't do it. If you have pity to spare, pity the millionaire, and if you want to pray, pray for the spindle-shanked gazaboo that is living the strenuous life of the metropolis. They need it.

But don't pity the country editor. He is as contented as a cow puffed up by eating rose geraniums. Don't lose sleep over the Rube who edits your home paper. He may not know paregoric from a misfit formula for making-apple butter, but he keeps an eye on the doings in the little county capital and when the time comes to talk, he tells the real standing of affairs to more people in a week than you talk to in years.

Don't pity the country editor. He eats with his knife, wears undershirts with slivers in them and his lower jaw is ornamented with the Salus-Grady-Penny-packer muzzie, but for all that he is no object to pity or to poke fun at. For he has an escutcheon embroidered on his soiled linen and has wiped his aqueline nose on the flour sack of civilization.

You may think it very funny when his paper announces to the world that "Si Green's choicest calf choked to death on a rutabago," but that does not ruffle him a particle, for he rests secure in the knowledge that the item will please "Si" and not hurt the town chap who wouldn't know a rutabago from a Greek god.—Bellwood Banner.

Licking Creek.

William Deshong's little son fell and broke his arm last week.

Mrs. Howard Skipper and son Ernest were guests of Mrs. Harriet Kline last Friday.

Miss Jessie Mellott who has been attending the Harrisoville Normal spent Sunday at home.

James Pegley is employed at Dr. Hoop's.

Mrs. Isaac Layton visited friends at Pleasant Ridge recently.

Last Sunday Harry Mumma and daughter Edith were at Irwin Sipes's; Reamer Sipes and wife were at D. P. Deshong's; Mrs. Anna Hockenberry was at U. S. Deshong's; Mrs. D. M. Kline was at D. R. Mellott's, and Michael Mellott spent the day with his mother, Mrs. Ella Mellott.

Mrs. Harriet Deshong and Mrs. Anna Mumma visited Jennie Barber last Wednesday.

MRS. ELLEN COVALT.

Mrs. Ellen Covalt, widow of the late Jacob Covalt, died at her home in Thompson township, Thursday, June 4, 1903, aged 52 years, 2 months and 20 days. Mrs. Covalt was an estimable woman, and a consistent member of the Christian church for many years. She is survived by her son, Elmer, and by two brothers, Henry and Jacob Waltz. She had been in poor health a long time. Interment at Oakley last Friday, funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Baugher.

MRS. LUCINIA FORE.

Mrs. Lucinia Fore, widow of the Hon. John M. Fore, died at her home at Knobsville at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, aged about 68 years. Mrs. Fore had been in ill health for about eight weeks, and the immediate cause of her death was paralysis.

Mrs. Fore's maiden name was Hoffman, and she was born in Huntingdon. She was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and her death will be mourned by a large number of friends. Funeral will take place at her late residence at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Arlington Garland will preach at Hills Chapel, Sunday evening, June 14th at 8 o'clock.

MAD DOG'S BAD WORK IN WELLS.

Terrorizes a Neighborhood and Bites Three Children.

DOG CAPTURED AND KILLED.

Two of the Children Sent to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for Treatment.

On Tuesday of last week while A. F. Baker of Wells township was working in the field, a big strange dog came near and Mr. Baker in a friendly way spoke to the dog, which at once sprang toward him and in a moment he felt his hand in the dog's open mouth, but withdrew it in time to save being bitten.

As the dog seemed to be ill-natured, Mr. Baker drove him off and thought little more of it. But the dog, after leaving Mr. Baker, went directly to the home of Mr. Samuel Meck, who lives about a quarter of a mile distant, and there attacked one of Mr. Meck's children, a child of four or five years, biting it severely. Rosa, a sister about fifteen years of age, came to the rescue, when the dog ran at her, and in her efforts to drive the dog away, she was terribly bitten in the arm and side.

After leaving Mr. Meck's the dog went to the home of George W. Foreman, about a half mile distant, entered the yard and attempted to bite one of the boys, who gave the dog a vigorous kick. The savage animal now sprang upon a younger child of Mr. Foreman and would, probably, have killed it out-right, had not Mr. Foreman appeared and, seeing the danger to which his child was exposed, sprang upon the dog, grasping the infuriated beast by the throat and crushing him to the earth, called to his wife to bring an axe, and while Mr. Foreman kept firm hold on the struggling captive, the dog was killed.

Owing to the fact that the rumor was soon afloat that this was a mad dog, there was the keenest apprehension for the safety of those bitten.

On Friday morning the worst fears seemed to be realized, when at the home of Mr. Meck, his daughter Rosa began to act strangely—seemed to be restless and wanted to wander away. Her eyes betook a wild expression, became feverish and blood-shot, and she grew worse and worse, until late in the afternoon when she became convulsed in the wildest of spasms.

Physicians were called who pronounced it a case of rabies, and on Saturday, Mr. Meck sent both the children to the Pastern Institute in New York City for treatment.

Mr. Ephraim Gregory of Thompson called to see us a few minutes while in town on Tuesday.

Miss Jess Dickson after having spent several weeks visiting friends in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, returned to her home in this place last Saturday evening much pleased with her trip.

The twenty-second annual commencement of the Shippensburg High School was held in the new Methodist church at that place last Thursday evening. Edwin Percy Runyan, son of W. T. Runyan a former postmaster of this place, was valedictorian of his class. We congratulate our young friend and trust that this may to him prove to be the commencement of a long career of usefulness and success.

During a thunder storm Monday afternoon three fine cows belonging to Henry H. Brewer in Thompson township, were standing under an apple tree and were killed by lightning. They were just fresh, and as they were all the cows Mr. Brewer had, it became necessary to start right out and buy others to get milk to feed the calves.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Well Pleased with the Progress the Schools have Made During the Past Year.

The year just closed has witnessed healthy educational interest throughout the County.

Most of the teaching was deserving of the highest commendation. Lack of co-operation was found in a few instances—the troubles arising therefrom being due more largely to patrons than to teachers. Not until we have complete co-operation can we have efficient work in our schools.

The Compulsory Attendance Law was enforced to a greater degree than ever before. Some of the districts elected truant officers and made special effort to bring the children of school age into school.

Dublin and Bethel districts each built a new house. Other districts repaired houses, making them more comfortable and attractive. Thompson equipped her houses with new furniture throughout.

Belfast put new furniture into two houses. Bethel, Thompson, Tod and Union put in complete sets of maps.

Nearly all of the districts increased teachers' salaries.

School libraries were established in several schools; and, in many instances, additions were made to those already established.

There are now but fifteen schools in the county without libraries.

Seventy-five per cent. of the teachers holding provisional certificates are now attending school—some in State Normal Schools, and others in County Normals.

The attendance at the County Institute was unusually large, and the work was a success. As day instructors we had Dr. Roop, president of Lebanon Valley College; Prof. Prince of Dickinson College; Prof. Drum of Bucknell University; Dr. Barton and Prof. Rife of the Shippensburg State Normal School, and Ex-Supt. Potts of Bedford county.

The Directors' Association was fairly well attended, and the meeting was interesting and helpful.

The local institute work was well kept up and was productive of much good.

Thirteen were graduated from the McConnellsburg High School this year. Their status shows them to be the strongest class in the history of the school.

In closing, we desire to thank the State Department for courteous and ready counsel, the directors and teachers for their co-operation, and the many friends throughout the county for their hospitality and assistance in the work.

CHAS. E. BARTON.

On Sunday Mrs. S. M. Cook and daughter, Miss Katharine, attended the funeral of Miss Clyde McGaughey at Greencastle, who had died on Friday of heart disease and other complications.

Miss Clyde was the oldest daughter of Harry McGaughey, a brother of Mrs. Cook, and a well known stock dealer of Franklin county. Though of delicate health and, consequently, a life-long sufferer, her life was one of marvelous richness in the qualities that make life worth while, and the examples of her cheerfulness under affliction, and tender thoughtfulness for the comfort of others, will long live in the memory of those who knew her. Prior to her brief illness, cards of invitation had been issued to the marriage of her younger sister for Wednesday of this week. In order to avoid disappointment or confusion, she asked that no change should be made in the plans of the bridal party, and the ceremony will be performed accordingly.

Misses Emily Greathead and Mary Pittman are visiting Miss Mane Kegareis at Fannettsburg.

OUR NEW LOCAL INDUSTRY.

The McConnellsburg Manufacturing Company Organized.

THE WORK BEGAN MONDAY.

Will Manufacture Locust Insulator Pins, Ash, Hickory, and Sugar Handles.

It will not be a long time now until our late morning sleepers will be aroused from their slumbers by the piercing scream of the factory whistle. A company composed of our townsman J. Kendall Johnston, M. H. Guthrie and William Guthrie of Indiana, Pa., and R. L. Tuck of Homer City, Pa., have associated themselves in business under the name of the McConnellsburg Manufacturing Company and have well underway the establishment of a plant in this place for the manufacture of locust insulator pins, and ash, sugar, and hickory handles.

A force of men were put to work Monday getting out timber the machinery has been purchased and shipped, and the factory will be built at once. The plant will be located on the triangular plot of ground at the Forks of the Pike east of town, and will have a capacity of 10,000 pins a day and give employment to twenty to twenty-five employes.

The company have already secured about 5,000 cords of locust, and there is enough in sight to keep the factory in operation for at least five years.

This, we trust, just the beginning of the good things for which McConnellsburg has been waiting. Whether we are to have our county developed depends much on our people. If we are willing to show capitalists half a chance, we shall have no difficulty in attracting to us men who are willing to develop the wealth that lies around us, but can never benefit us while lying in a dormant state.

Those towns that are forging ahead are those who invite capital and make such concessions, as shall tempt them to come on. If our land owners turn the cold shoulder toward every enterprise and give capitalists no encouragement to come among us we can go on accumulating moss on our backs and leave the future glory of our county to those whose duty it will be to keep a fence around the cemetery in which we shall lie.

Big Cove Tannery.

Our supervisor, J. S. Harr, has made travel to and from this place much more agreeable by erecting a substantial wagon bridge over the stream near the residence of A. J. Craig.

A C. Lanver is busily engaged in the lumber business. He intends to erect a new barn sometime in the near future.

Conrad Carbaugh of Hagers-town, paid his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carbaugh, of the Corner a visit recently. He is in the employ of the W. M. R. R. Company at that place.

Our Sunday school, which is one of the largest in the county, is progressing first class again this year. It will be represented at the county Sunday school convention this week by delegates, Rev. Lewis Chambers and G. E. Clouser.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mellott visited Mr. Mellott's parents near Green Hill Sunday.

Goldie and Mamie Hess and Flora Shives were visiting at Mr. David Gregory's Monday.

Claude Hess, Tod Lynch, and George McEldowney have gone to Franklin county, to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Unger spent Sunday at James Evers'. On Monday evening, William Harr had the misfortune to have his right hand pierced almost through by a nail, causing very severe pain.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Morton are to be congratulated over the arrival of a young daughter.

FOR PERMANENT CERTIFICATES.

Annual Examination to be Held in Grammar School Room July 6th and 7th.

In the Grammar School Room in McConnellsburg, on Monday and Tuesday, July 6th and 7th, the committee—Gilbert Mellott, Miss Estelle Logue and B. C. Lamberson, will examine applicants who may apply for teachers Permanent certificates.

There are three primary conditions of eligibility to this class:

1. The applicant must have a Professional certificate. 2. He must have taught at least three years immediately preceding the examination. 3. He must have a recommendation from the board or boards in whose employment the applicant has taught these three years, and the same must be endorsed by the county superintendent.

Teachers desiring to take the examination should apply to the county superintendent, for the necessary blanks early enough to have them ready at the time for holding the examination.

Every teacher in the county who has a professional certificate and who has the preceding three years teaching qualification, should not hesitate to get the blanks (if he has not already done so) and prepare to meet the committee.

The professional certificates granted by Mr. Chesnut will not do to teach on next winter; and as no superintendent is supposed to endorse a former Professional, where the holder has an opportunity to try for a Permanent, there remains little to do but go back into the Provisional certificate examinations; and there is something the matter with the teacher who is willing to do that.

Some who would like to have the Permanent, shrink from the thought of taking the examination. The worry associated with their examination for a Provisional is still fresh in their minds, and as the Permanent is two degrees higher, the examination they think must be something fierce. Now, this is all nonsense. The fact that you hold a Professional, that the board or boards who have employed you during the past three years certify to your success and ability as a teacher; and that your county superintendent recommends you to the committee and to the State Department, is an evidence that they are satisfied with your ability; and, now, all you need is to have faith in yourself.

No set of teachers who are worthy a place on the examining committee will give you a lot of catch questions, or ask you things they could not answer themselves. The law presumes that you shall show yourself familiar with the various branches as they are set forth in the ordinary common school text book.

Walk up, therefore, and take your medicine—and after you have swallowed it and found that it was not half as bad as you imagined, you will feel proud of your Permanent, and thank us for urging you.

In going to the chicken coop a few mornings ago, Mrs. Maggie Kendall came upon the thief that had been stealing her young chicks—which was no other than a big snapping turtle. This indiscretion on the part of the turtle cost it its head. While the Kendall family would have enjoyed turtle soup, there didn't seem to be any one about who understood "husking" the reptile; so Jimmy brought it to town and turned it over to Harry Johnston who had found out at school that such creatures had a fashion of wearing their skeleton outside, and it did not take him long to have a nice lot of material for soup, to say nothing of twenty-one eggs he found inside the shell as round as marbles and exactly one inch in diameter.

A BOY FALLS FIFTEEN FEET.

While Giving Trapeze Performance in Wagon Shed.

UNCONSCIOUS TWO HOURS.

Little Ernest Fields's Unfortunate Attempt to Be a Showman.

Last Sunday afternoon Ernest, the seven-years-old son of James I. Fields who lives on the James Sipes farm east of town, was in the wagon shed with some companions, and was showing them some trapeze performance that he had seen in Smith's Show that was here a few days ago.

Ernest was getting along all right until he had ascended a rope to the comb of the roof a height of fifteen feet, when he missed his hold and fell headlong, passing through a binder reel and alighting on his head on a wheelbarrow. The boy pluckily picked himself up and went to the house; but in a few minutes unconsciousness set in, and Mr. Fields hastily summoned Dr. Mosser, who found that the boy sustained concussion of the brain. In a few hours the little fellow rallied, and is now supposed to be out of danger.

Townswoman Complimented.

Last week's Mercersburg Journal, under the caption "A Woman Orator"—"Born Military Leader," had the following to say about one of our borough's esteemed women:

"On Saturday, McConnellsburg enjoyed the unique and creditable distinction of having the Memorial Day address delivered by a woman. Mrs. Sallie M. Cook, widow of the late lamented Dr. Cook, of Fulton county, was the orator of the day. She made the address in the Court House, the seating capacity of which was hardly adequate for the throng of people that was determined to hear her. Mrs. Cook has a strong personality and has an excellent delivery, which added to her forceful utterances and fluency of speech commanded the undivided attention of the whole audience. She was able to make the address without any special subject, but in her oration gave particular emphasis to the patriotism which actuated the northern soldiers to fight and die, if necessary, for the preservation of our country.

"Such women, like Joan of Arc are born leaders of men, and can instill into the masculine soul and heart more courage and determination than a hundred Napoleons, Grants, and Stonewall Jacksons, who dominated largely by strict military discipline and disregard of men's lives. If a number of women like Mrs. Cook would come forward and take an active interest in all public affairs, the administration of public matters, both national and state, would not be reeking with scandal, jobbery and corruption, as it now is, and the rights of the people who pay the money to maintain the state, as well as the national government, would be conserved.

Prize Won by "Todd" Skinner.

At the Commencement exercises at the Mercersburg Academy last week, Parker Ringel, son of Captain and Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner, won in the oratorical contest the J. Harry Wood prize—the interest on \$500, set apart for the purpose by T. M. Wood in memory of his son, J. Harry Wood, who graduated at Mercersburg in 1899 and died two years later. The contest took place in Trinity Reformed church. The winner's subject was "John Brown."—There were fourteen contestants. "Todd's" many Fulton county friends extend hearty congratulations.

We are indebted to our young friend Meta Fryman for a small branch plucked from a cherry on the farm of her father, R. N. Fryman, which contained the largest and finest cherries we have ever seen. Thanks, Meta.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

W. L. Nace of Carlisle spent from Saturday evening until Monday morning with friends here.

Mrs. Howard F. Noble of Chambersburg returned to her former home near Laidig Saturday evening.

A number of the young folks of this place and the Cove picnicked at Roaring Run last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Anderson of Dublin Mills spent last Thursday at McConnellsburg.

Minnie Dalbey of this place, spent last week with her friend Nell Sheets near Mercersburg.

Miss Cornelia B. Nesbit of this place, is visiting friends at New Bloomfield, Pa.

Mr. William Sigel of Covalt, remembered the printer with some cash while in town Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Harris of this place, is visiting friends in Chambersburg this week.

W. G. Wink of Hustontown was in town Monday. Grant is busy building a new house.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sipes spent last Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Sipes' brother, Mr. Frank Deshong at Fannettsburg.

Miss Katharine Metzler who had been employed in Tyrone, has returned to her home at Harrisonville.

George W. Mumma of Licking Creek township, was among those who were before the pension board Wednesday.

Rev. M. Hoke Gottschall has resigned his pastoral work at Burnt Cabins and will enter the lecture field.

John Patterson who had been spending a few weeks in the Quaker City, returned to this place last Saturday evening.

C. J. Brewer of Ayr township has for sale a three-weeks-old grade Shorthorn male calf from full blood sire.

B. A. Truax, a member of Belfast's board of school directors, called a few minutes Monday and advanced his subscription to 1904.

Mrs. James W. Rummel who has been visiting in Cleveland, Ohio, during the past three weeks, is expected home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McDowell of Lamaster, are spending a day or two with Mrs. McDowell's mother, Mrs. Maggie Kendall in the Cove.

Oscar Metzler, a popular young pharmacist of Philadelphia, is spending a ten days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Metzler at Harrisonville.

Miss Mollie Seylar of the U. S. Pension office, Pittsburg, visited her sister, Mrs. S. M. Cook of this place, from Monday until Wednesday.

Frank Edmond the little infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pine of Ayr township died last Monday morning June 1, 1903, aged two months and eight days.

Thurman Lynch returned to his home in this place on Monday after having spent four weeks among friends in the lower end of the county.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner were here on Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Skinner is recovering from an illness of six weeks duration.—Mercersburg Journal.

Harry Seville of this place is over at Shippensburg attending the State Normal. A few days ago he was elected president of the Normal Y. M. C. A. without any opposition—a compliment which his friends here very much appreciate.

W. H. Nesbit has just put in for James Henry, near town, a water-ran that drives a 4-inch stream of water from his spring to his barn, a distance of 328 feet, to an elevation of seventeen feet. It also supplies water to the kitchen.